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1. ☐ This communication is responsive to ____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9, 11 and 12.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 21 December 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Krause (Attorney on record) on June 7, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 will be written as:

An image-capturing apparatus having a function for printing a captured image with the use of an external printing function, comprising:

image-capturing means for obtaining the captured image;

control means for controlling the operation of the entire apparatus, including at least the image-capturing means and for executing printing processing for printing the captured image; and

clock generating means for generating a clock having an operating frequency for operating the image-capturing means and the control means,

wherein the clock generating means generates higher operating frequencies for the control means when the printing processing is executed than when the image capturing means obtains the image.

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Claim 9 will be written as:

A control method for an image-capturing apparatus having at least an image-capturing mode for obtaining an image and a printing mode for printing the obtained image by a printer externally connected, comprising:

a mode switching step, of switching between the image-capturing mode and the printing mode; and

a frequency switching step, of switching the operating frequency of the image-capturing apparatus according to mode switching made in the mode switching step,

wherein an operating frequency in the printing mode is higher than an operating frequency in the image-capturing mode.

Claim 10 is cancelled.

Claim 12 will be written as:

A storage medium storing a computer-readable program for executing a control method, the control method comprising:

a mode switching step, of switching between an image-capturing mode and a printing mode; and

a frequency switching step, of switching the operating frequency of the image-capturing apparatus according to mode switching made in the mode switching step,

wherein an operating frequency in the printing mode is higher than an operating frequency in the image-capturing mode.

Claim 13 is cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-9, 11 and 12 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1, 4, 8, 9 and 12, the main reason for indication of allowable subject matter is because the prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest the limitations having a camera having a function for printing a captured image with the use of an external printing function wherein a clock generating means generates higher operating frequencies for the control means when the printing processing is executed than when the image capturing means obtains the image.

Sakai, US Patent 5,206,730 discloses an image-capturing apparatus (Fig. 1) having a plurality of operation modes, comprising: control means (Fig. 1: 13) for controlling the operation of the entire image-capturing apparatus; and frequency changing means (Fig. 1: 14) for changing the operating frequency of the control means according to an operation mode (Col. 3, line 7 – col. 4, line 29).

Hori, US Patent 5,825,511 teaches an image pickup apparatus, wherein clock generating means (See figs. 1: 2a, 1: 3a, 1: 4a) generates clocks having different operating frequencies for the control means, as between when the printing processing is executed and when the image-capturing means obtains an image (Col. 6, lines 35-50).

However, the teaching of Sakai and Hori either alone or in combination fails to teach or reasonably suggest the camera having a function for printing a captured image with the use of an external printing function wherein a clock generating means generates higher operating frequencies for the control means when the printing processing is executed than when the image capturing means obtains the image.

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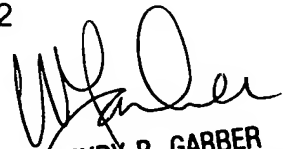
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nelson D. Hernandez whose telephone number is (571) 272-7311. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wendy R. Garber can be reached on (571) 272-7308. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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